

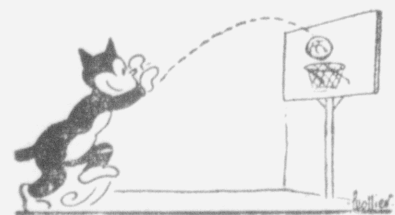
BLOODMOBILE COMING HERE NEXT TUESDAY, JANUARY 13th.



● ANOTHER REMINDER THE RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE WILL BE HERE TUESDAY, FOR YOUR PINT OF BLOOD! PLEASE BE READY!

● Several of the ladies, Mrs. J. H. Valeik, Mrs. Tom Gettys, Mrs. J. H. Heins, and others working on the Red Cross Blood program are doing a swell job as is Earl Nunneley and his helpers in the campaign to fill the quota of 150 pints. Brother can you spare one?

The Lions Club will honor blood donors with a steak dinner after the bloodmobile visits Decatur January 13th.



● Opening today and continuing through Saturday is the annual DBC basketball tournament.

Spots fans will see some of the best basketball teams in this section play, including the boys from Slidell who are always good, and the state champions team from Bowie. Preliminaries will be today and tomorrow with finals Saturday.

● The Decatur Building & Loan Association will discuss the proposal of raising the charter from 1 million to five million dollars at the stockholders meeting next week.

● Fred R. Padgett of the FW & D was a caller at our office Monday morning, bringing us greetings from the Golden Gloves officials along with a supply of material advertising the coming events in Ft. Worth.

● Press Day at the Fat Stock Show is to be Monday, Feb. 2, for the afternoon rodeo and night performance of "The Desert Song." Seems the 1953 show is expected to be one of the greatest ever.

● More new cars to see this week end—the '53 Buicks, the '53 Chevrolet and the '53 Oldsmobile. That about makes the rounds of cars for Decatur. ● You've had plenty of time now to crack or bend most of your New Year resolutions, we hope you made one to patronize home merchants first and we hope that is one you will keep in 1953!

● We're very sorry we omitted the name of A. L. Duncan and Mrs. J. J. Renshaw from the list of contributors to the Xmas Cheer fund. After checking the list we find their contribution of \$5 each but their names were not included in the lists. Our belated acknowledgment.

● The high school girls and boys See STORY on page 4 col. 6.

MARCH OF DIMES DRIVE NOW UNDERWAY IN THE COUNTY

Dear Citizens of Decatur and surrounding community: Beginning 1 January through 31 January 1953, is the March of Dimes campaign or the FIGHT INFANTILE PARALYSIS CAMPAIGN, whichever you desire to call it. Heretofore in order to raise the quota designated for Decatur and its surrounding community, many people have had to give a great amount of their time to get you to donate to this worth while fund. This year it is hoped that the campaign can be handled differently causing as few a people as possible to give their time in order to raise the designated quota for Decatur and its surrounding community, said QUOTA being \$1320.00. May I list some of the things your money does for the Infantile Paralysis Foundation:

1. Provides financial assistance for all polio patients. Also provides funds or successful completion of its research projects on polio prevention.

2. It buys: Wheelchairs, Braces, Respirators, Hospital Service, Physical Therapy treatments, Hubbard Tanks, and many other See story on page 7 col. 4

WANTED — Blood Donors WHEN? Tuesday Jan. 13th TIME? 10:00 a. m. — 4 p. m. WHERE? Methodist Church Decatur, Texas

If YOU have not pledged a pint of blood — Call Mrs. J. H. Valeik 5895 or Call phone number 3701 or 5261, and an appointment card will be mailed. Make your pledge by Saturday Jan. 10, please.

Next Tuesday the Bloodmobile will be in Decatur.

The quota asked of Wise countians is 150 pints of blood for our armed forces, in helping save lives when blood is needed for the wounded.

You are asked to contribute. If you will, complete the coupon or telephone the local Red Cross office.

You can save an American life.

DBC BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT OPENS TODAY

When you read this the fifth annual basketball tournament sponsored by Decatur Baptist College will be under way. It will continue through sessions Friday afternoon and night and Saturday morning, afternoon and night. Both the College and High School Gyms will be used.

The finals will be played in the College Gym. Consolation finals will be at 5:00 and 6:00 p. m. Saturday and the Tournament finals will be at 7:00 and 8:00 p. m. Saturday.

At the conclusion of the last game trophies will be presented to the winning teams, to the all-tournament players, and to the boy and girl selected as the best sports. The presentation of the trophies will be handled a little differently than in previous years.

In the girls' division Decatur is the defending champion.

Tickets for the finals will be \$1.00 for adults and 50 cents for students. Tickets for the other games will be 35 cents for adults and 20 cents for students.

There are 29 teams from 18 different schools entered in this year's event.

The girls' division include teams from Paradise, Decatur, Irving, Olney, Birdville, Slidell, Bryson, Henrietta, Bridgeport, Granbury, Bowie, Nocona, Alvord, and Boyd. In the boys' division the following schools will be represented: Paradise, Decatur, Birdville, Slidell, Bryson, Bridgeport, Granbury, Bowie, Nocona, Alvord, Petrolia, Diamond Hill, Boyd, Handley, and Buckner Orphans Home.

New Buick for '53

The new and changed Buick for 1953 will be shown at Central Motor Co. tomorrow, introducing the new models for the new year. You are invited to see them.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Miller and baby spent Christmas with her parents Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Norris at Clayton, Kan.

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Charlie Stokes Retires Jan. 1



AFTER 45 YEARS—Charlie Stokes places mail in the last box on his last round at rural mail carrier Jan. 1 as he retires after 45 years as a post office employee in Decatur. (staff foto)

January 1st completed forty five years for Charlie Stokes as a member of the post office department in Decatur. He started as a clerk in the post office in 1908 while T. L. Hall was postmaster, during which area the mail messenger walked and carried the mail to and from the depot.

Many changes have been made in the post office personnel, location and means of handling since that date.

The post office has been on the west side of the square, the northwest, the southwest, the south side before finally being housed in its own building, all these changes of location taking Charlie into new quarters. He served under six postmasters.

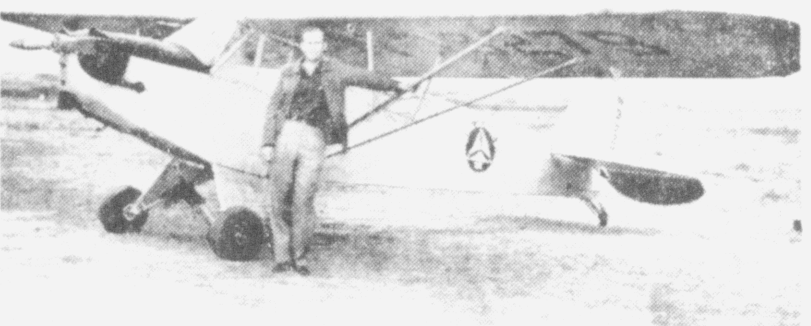
In speaking of the changes, Mr. Stokes said:

"After carrying the mail from the depot, the mail messenger in a few years used a cart. Then only packages weighing 8 ounces or less could be mailed, all over 8 ounces had to go via express. After the push cart, a horse and wagon was used to transport mail, and when parcel post was added a pick-up truck was used. Now several trips are sometimes required to transport the mail from the train to the post office."

"I transferred to rural route 3 in 1948 and it was on this route that I thought all the good people lived. Two years later I transferred to route 1, where I also found the patrons to be fine people, making the life of the carrier one to be enjoyed."

I want to thank the people on Route 3 and Route 1 for being so nice to me while I was trying to serve them as rural carrier and may we continue to be the best of friends. I wish for all of you a happy and prosperous New Year and in all years to come.

Charlie Stokes



CAP RECEIVES AIRPLANE—Pictured is the aircraft donated to the Texas Wing by the army, which in turn was donated to the Decatur unit of the C.A.P. Robert Cartwright is shown after flying the craft here from the Sweetwater airport.

Friday night at 7:30 in the High School building is cadet night for the C. A. P. The new commandant is Charles W. Jones, music director at the college and well known personality in Decatur. Every one interested in joining is urged to be at this meeting.

Now is the time for renewal of senior members. Former or old members are being contacted and if anyone is missed you are requested to turn in the request forms and fee before

Store and School at Slidell Entered Sunday

The Slidell school and store was entered last week end by a person or persons who seem to have made a circle of the area, also entering at Era, Pilot Point, Haslet and possibly others small places according to Sheriff Ramsey.

Nothing of any value appeared to be missing except some bottle drinks from the Slidell breakins. Deputy Shaw was back on the scene Tuesday looking for clues and the Gainesville police are also checking the Era area.

G. B. Hartman of Houston is visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. Morris Guthrie.

ERNEST WATSON ELECTED PRESIDENT OF DECATUR C-C

The following new directors have been elected by the Chamber of Commerce, the result of the recent mail ballot:

For two years terms: Ralph Dodson, W. A. Hughes Jr., A. L. Duncan, Dale Severson, L. L. Bures, H. M. Mote, Earl Nunneley, and Chester Morris Jr. Holdover directors are: Ray Brown, Gene Brummell, Phil Luker, F. W. Burton, Carl Christian, Ernest Watson R. T. Rieger, Tom Rush and Joe Wren.

Retiring president John T. Dunn is a member of the board as are Otis Strickland, DBC president, E. L. Ganitt, school superintendent and Syl Hardwick, Mayor, who are honorary members of the board.

In the election of officers for the coming year, held last night, Ernest Watson was chosen president, W. A. Hughes Jr., H. M. Mote and A. L. Duncan, vice presidents, Gene Brummell treasurer and T. L. Ball, secretary, manager.

COMMUNITY ROAD MEETING ARE CONTINUING

The community meetings over the county in the interest of farm to market highways continues through this week end and into next week.

Tonight the meeting will be held at Alvord school.

Tomorrow night a gathering will be at the Paradise school. Jan. 19—the meeting will be held at the Bridgeport high school.

Jan. 20—At the Blewett school.

Jan. 22 In the district court room at Decatur.

Jan. 23—At the Boyd school.

At these meetings the road building program for the present and future is discussed and part that Wise county must play in securing these roads. The county must secure the right-of-way for all highways, which is expected to cost the county \$200,000 within the next five years. Just what the county can do and will do must be known if the construction program is to proceed in this county.

The public is invited and urged to attend these meetings and become acquainted with the county's responsibilities regarding proposed highway construction.

Services At Paris For Mrs. J. H. Keith

Mrs. J. H. Keith of Decatur, the former Miss Clara Keel of Paris, died Saturday at 10:00 a. m. in Rogers Hospital in Decatur.

Funeral services were held Monday at 2 p. m. at Fry & Gibbs Chapel in Paris, Texas, conducted by the Rev. Robert Richardson, pastor of Central Presbyterian Church, Interment was made in Evergreen Cemetery.

Mrs. Keith is survived by her husband, J. H. Keith, one son, James H. Keith, Vernon; three sisters, Miss Kitty Keel, Miss Neva Keel and Mrs. Alice Pyeatt, all of Paris, and several nieces and nephews.

Born in Northeast Lamar County June 4, 1878, Mrs. Keith was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Keel. She attended Paris schools and in 1912 was married here to Mr. Keith, then of Antlers, Okla. The couple made their home in Antlers for two years after their marriage and then moved to Okla. City, they moved to Decatur in 1940.

The schools and college opened again Monday after a two week holiday.

The kids and teachers were reluctant to return but by now are back in the groove.

Morris Guthrie underwent a tonsilectomy during the holidays.

BODY OF CHARLIE LEE GRIFFITH WILL ARRIVE SATURDAY, SERVICES SUNDAY

Pvt. Charlie Lee Griffith, 21, killed in action in Korea Nov. 3, less than 24 hours after he had arrived there, and less than 20 minutes after he had entered upon his duties.

Private Charlie Lee Griffith, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Griffith of Rhame, who was killed in action in Korea in November will return Saturday with military escort, with funeral services at the Fairview Baptist Church Sunday. Officiating will be Rev. Ray Watkins of Decatur and the Pastor, Rev. Nat Phillips. Interment will be in the Fairview Cemetery.

Charlie was born Jan. 4 1931 at Decatur, attending school at Slidell and Rhame. He united with the Synamore church when 11 years of age.

He entered military service Feb. 21, 1952 and was assigned to the Fifth Infantry division. He took his basic training at Fort Riley, Kansas and after a two-week furlough last July, he was sent to Japan and from there to Korea.

Survivors other than his parents are his fiancée, Miss Juanita Mann of Decatur; two brothers, John of Roswell, N. M., and Claude, Ft. Worth; seven sisters, Winnie Bradford, Decatur; Jessie Hannah, Denton; Effie Hargrove and Nellie Hargrove of Roswell; Dottie Carson of Jasper; and Peggy Mayfield of Fort Worth.

Meet At Alvord

The Methodist Mens Club of the county met in Alvord Monday night at the church in their regular monthly meeting.

First Conference Game For DBC Tonite

The D. B. C. Indians have their first conference game of the 1953 basket ball season Thursday night in Gettys Gym at 8:00. The Blinn Buccaneers will furnish the competition.

Another conference game will be played with Allen Academy on Friday night at 8:00 in Gettys Gym.

The Indians journeyed to Big Springs New Years day for the Howard County Tournament. They played three games, winning over Odessa and losing to Del Mar and Howard County. Tom Maxwell was chosen on the all-tournament team.

The fans having schedule cards should note that the game scheduled for Saturday night Jan. 19 is the one to be played Thursday night. This change was necessary because of the finals in the high school tournament.

New Olds For '53

The new Oldsmobile for 1953 will be shown this week end by Tice Reinshaw at Decatur Implement Co. An ad in this issue of the Messenger announces the new model, which you are invited to see.

FIRE BOYS CHOOSE NEW OFFICERS

The Volunteer Fire Department elected officers for the coming year at its meeting Tuesday night, as follows:

Warren Hunt, Chief; Bryan Goodger, First Assistant Chief; T. O. Gill, Second Assistant Chief; Max Weaver, secretary-treasurer; Gene Brummell, Fire Marshall; Wynnan Hachtel and Virgil Shaw, Fire Captains.

Gene Brummell, retiring chief, was presented a rocking chair by the fireboys to show their appreciation for his excellent leadership for the past four years, which Gene accepted with appreciation but not the fact the "rocking chair's got 'im".

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Simmons and daughter Barbara from McCamey were guests of Mrs. and Mrs. Harold Simmons Friday night.



CHARLES L. GRIFFITH
The body of Charles L. Griffith, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Griffith of Rhame, is being sent from Oakland, Cal., to Decatur today, and will arrive here Saturday. Funeral services have been set for Sunday.

MORE MEN CALLED FOR PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

The following listed men, registrants of Selective Service Local Board No. 93, Bowie, Texas, have been ordered for pre-induction physical examinations on Jan. 21, 1953:

Earl Estes Burns, Jr., Rt. 1, Paradise; Ivy Marlan Holley, Rt. 1, Paradise; Donald W. Davis, Bridgeport; Billie H. Hughes, Rt. 2, Paradise; Galen Mendal Wilson, Greenwood; Samuel E. Crabtree, Rt. 3, Rhame; Henry L. Chesnut, Park Springs; Lawrence D. Burks, Greenwood; Jack W. Boyd, Decatur; Jackie L. Read, Rt. 1, Boyd; Billy M. Fite, Newark; Sammie A. O'Shields, Bridgeport; Billy J. Dunaway, Decatur; Arlon R. Morris, Rt. 2, Chico; Marvin B. Oates, Rt. 2, Decatur; Melvin D. Oates, Rt. 2, Decatur; Hershel M. Watson, Rt. 2, Chico; Charley L. Brock, Decatur; Robert P. Perkins, Bridgeport; Kenneth W. Stone, Decatur; Letcher T. Royal, Newark; Houston L. Morris, Rt. 4, Decatur; Cullen H. McNair, Decatur; Jerry E. Davis, Rt. 1, Alvord; Edward W. Baldrige, Slidell.

Services Held Here For Emory H. Fralin

Funeral services for Emory H. Fralin, 52, of Lubbock were held at Christian's Chapel Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 with Rev. H. A. Webb officiating. Interment was in Deep Creek Cemetery.

Mr. Franklin was a native of Boyd.

Services Held Here For Carlos A. Price

Service for Carlos A. Price, 64, who passed away Monday in a Decatur hospital, were held Tuesday afternoon at 2 at the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church with Rev. H. D. Rutledge, pastor, and Dr. R. E. Bell officiating. Interment was in the Pleasant Grove Cemetery. Mr. Price was born at Boyd.

The Messenger invites Mr. and T. H. Barnard to be our guests in seeing "HIGH NOON"

At the Plaza Theatre Sunday or Monday

(Please exchange this coupon or two tickets at the box office.)



And they say, how doth God know? and is there knowledge in the most High?

(Psalm LXXIII, 11.)
Sometimes, in our wilfulness, our selfishness, our self-centeredness, we may feel that we can "go it alone"—especially if the going happens to be good at the moment. But just let danger or tragedy confront us, and then we realize—often too late—that without God and His mercy and His strength, we are pitifully weak and helpless. God is omniscient—He knows the beginning and the end of all our plans; His will shall be done.

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All County Towns In March of Dimes Drive

In support of the March of Dimes, Mayors of the cities of Wise County, have issued the following proclamation:

WHEREAS, the year 1952 witnessed the worst nationwide epidemic of infantile paralysis in all history, wherein more than 55,000 adults and children were stricken, and,

WHEREAS, this was the fifth consecutive year of unprecedented high polio incident, demonstrating that no city or town in our great nation can be secure against polio, and,

WHEREAS, the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis assures help for all victims needing assistance, and has never failed to channel emergency equipment, personnel and monies to those stricken areas, and,

WHEREAS, the monies collected by the March of Dimes of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis have been exhausted in caring for those stricken in earlier years, and,

WHEREAS, the only hope for continuing epidemic service, extensive programs of patient care and scientific research is thru unstinting support of the March of Dimes, and,

Whereas the 1953 March of Dimes is being conducted throughout Wise County,

SO THEREFORE, we as Mayors of the cities of Wise County, do hereby proclaim the weeks of January 1953 be dedicated to our mutual fight against polio, and do call upon every resident of our respective cities to support this critical fight through generous contributions to THE MARCH OF DIMES.

CITY OF BOYD C. L. BASHAM, Mayor

CITY OF ALVORD L. F. BROWN, Mayor

CITY OF CHICO H. F. HAWKINS, Mayor

CITY OF BRIDGEPORT H. R. HARWOOD, Mayor

CITY OF DECATUR S. L. HARDWICK, Mayor

Holiday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Woodruff and Mrs. E. B. Cartwright, Wrentham, were: Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Morgan, and son, Bryan, Ft. Collins, Colo.; Dr. and Mrs. W. L. House, and son, Bill, Ft. Worth; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Morgan, Alice; Mrs. Roberta Randal, Austin; Mr. and Mrs. Leon Roberts, Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Cartwright, Wrentham; Mrs. George Miller, Follett; Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Roberts, Linda Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Shands, Jane Shands, Mrs. T. R. Garrett, Denton.

Read the ads.

OUR STOCKHOLDERS

Every year all of the people who have invested their savings with us are invited to meet on the second Tuesday of January for the purpose of reviewing the past years business, electing a Board of Directors and considering any other business pertinent to the meeting.

One such item of business to be considered at our next meeting is that of increasing our charter from \$1 million to \$5 million. Yes, we have outgrown our original charter

Current Dividend 4% Per Annum.

DECATUR BLDG. & LOAN ASSN.

C. P. Dodson, Pres. Ernest Watson, Mgr.
Phone 3281

CHARTER NO. 15623

Report of the Condition of the

FIRST NATIONAL BANK IN DECATUR, TEXAS,

in the State of Texas, at the close of business on Dec. 31, 1952, published in response to call made by Comptroller of the Currency under Section 5211, U. S. Revised Statutes.

ASSETS

1. Cash balances with other banks, including reserve balances and cash items in process of collection	772,732.10
2. United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	1,226,000.00
3. Obligations of states and political subdivisions	245,921.03
4. Other bonds, notes, and debentures	15,000.00
5. Corporate stocks (including \$6,000.00 stock of Federal Reserve bank)	6,000.00
6. Loans and discounts (including odd overdrafts)	847,908.41
7. Bank premises owned \$4500.00, furniture and fixtures \$4500.00	9,000.00

12. TOTAL ASSETS 3,251,572.50

LIABILITIES

13. Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships and corporations	2,096,298.46
14. Time deposits of individuals, partnerships and corporations	4,600.00
15. Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings)	8,758.03
16. Deposits of states and political subdivisions	345,353.19
17. Deposits of banks	4,678.62
18. Other deposits (certified & cashier's checks, etc.)	6,076.76
19. TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$2,975,165.85

24. TOTAL LIABILITIES 2,975,165.85

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

25. Capital Stock:	
(a) Common stock, total par \$100,000.00	100,000.00
26. Surplus	100,000.00
27. Undivided profits	76,406.65
29. TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	276,406.65

30. TOTAL LIABILITIES and CAPITAL ACCOUNTS 3,251,572.50

MEMORANDA

31. Assets pledged or assigned to secure liabilities and for other purposes	266,500.00
32. (a) Loans as shown above are after deduction of reserves of	15,091.35

State of Texas, County of Wise, ss: I, W. T. Hill, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

W. T. HILL, Cashier.

Correct—Attest:

H. N. Ferguson, F. W. Burton, T. S. Gill, Directors
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 3 day of January 1953
(Seal) J. L. SELLARS, Notary Public.

BIRTHS IN WISE

Male:

Mr. and Mrs. George Allen, Nov. 12, 1952, Decatur.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lee Boyd, Decatur, Nov. 26, 1952.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Tom Gen-try, Decatur, Nov. 15, 1952.

Mr. and Mrs. William Gene Leake, Decatur, Nov. 18, 1952 (twins).

Mr. and Mrs. John Curtis Mc-Guire, Bridgeport, Nov. 18, 1952.

Bro. and Mrs. Clyde Spain, Jr., Jacksboro, Sept. 4, 1952.

Mr. and Mrs. Vergil Bruce Shaw, Decatur, Nov. 17, 1952.

Mr. and Mrs. Almas Preston Washburn, Denton, Nov. 24, 1952.

Mr. and Mrs. Ferman Woodard, Jr., Decatur, Nov. 26, 1952.

Female:

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Darrell Howard, Chico, Nov. 3, 1952.

Mr. and Mrs. Royce Cecil Hud-son, Decatur, Nov. 17, 1952.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Reuben Kel-ley, Newark, Nov. 21, 1952.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Owen Mos-ley, Decatur, Nov. 27, 1952.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Pal-mour, Sr., Bowie, Nov. 10, 1952.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Raymond Priddy, Dallas, Nov. 9, 1952.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Burton Roberts, Bridgeport, Nov. 13, 1952.

Mr. and Mrs. William Thomas Whitworth, Decatur, Nov. 11, 1952.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth W. Payne, Decatur, Oct. 22, 1952.

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Dr. Caldwell's Senna Laxative tastes good, acts mildly, brings thorough relief comfortably. Helps you get regular, ends chronic dosing. Even relieves stomach sourness that constipation often brings.

Try the new 25¢ size Dr. Caldwell's. Money back if not satisfied. Mail bottle to Box 280, New York 18, N. Y.

YOUR EYES will POP



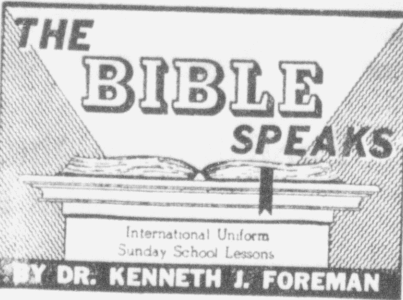
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BY DR. KENNETH J. FOREMAN

Scripture: Matthew 16. Devotional Reading: Philippians 2:1-11.

Confess—Follow

Lesson for January 11, 1953

ANOTHER of those Bible words which are easy to misunderstand, is the word "confess." Ordinarily we connect this word in our minds with a court of law, or with some wrong that has been done. When we say the prisoner signed a confession, we mean he admitted he was guilty. When Catholics go to confession, they are expected to tell the priest all about their sins. In the English Bible the word sometimes has this meaning, as when John says that if we confess our sins, God will forgive (1 John 1:9).

Where Do You Stand?

But there is another meaning of these words "confess" and "confession" which is quite different. It does not always mean to admit.

Sometimes it means to declare, to announce publicly and proudly, as plainly as possible. For instance, Paul tells Timothy (1 Tim. 6:13) that Jesus, before Pilate, made a "good confession." Paul is not saying for a minute that Jesus admitted that the charges against him were true. What he means is that Jesus stood up for God and his duty, he did not let down his flag, he stood out for the truth.

The expression is often used, referring to Peter's saying to Christ, "You are the Christ," and it has come to be known as "Peter's confession." This does not mean that Peter admitted something; on the contrary he affirmed something. He was declaring his belief, he was letting it be known where he stood. The Christian church has made much use of this word, but it might be clearer if we used some other words sometimes. All churches will tell young people and new converts how important it is to "confess" Christ. We could just as well say "standing up for" him; voting for him and having one's vote put on record. When Christ asks: Are you with me? Confessing means simply saying openly: Yes!

Christ Never Outranked

There is something else tied up in this idea of "confessing" Christ. It includes saying something about Christ. Peter's confession, according to Matthew, was "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Luke reports that he said, "You are the Christ of God." Mark reports simply: "You are the Christ." All agree that Peter declared Jesus to be the Christ. To us, "Christ" is a name; to Peter it was a title, the highest title he knew. When a first-century Jew used the word "Christ," he meant there was no one else in his class. He meant God's chosen beginner of a new age. There was no higher word that Peter could have chosen than "Christ." So to this day when we say that a Christian confesses Christ, we ought to mean that he puts Christ above all others, that he knows no one can outrank Christ. We mean what the old hymn says, "All hail the power of Jesus' name, let angels prostrate fall."

More than Mouth-Christians

But there is still another word the church has always used, because Jesus used it: Follow. Confession alone is not enough. It may take courage to confess Christ. It takes sincerity and also stick-to-it-iveness to follow him. Confession can be done in a burst of enthusiasm; following takes the long pull. Confessing Christ means saying he comes first in your life. But does he? Who or what is really first? There are a great many—too many—church members today who have been as much of a Christian as they can possibly be—with their mouths. They have confessed Christ as Son of God, as Lord and Saviour. They have said, in effect, that they wish to be counted on his side. But when they "joined the church" or were "confirmed," that is about as far as it went. They hardly even warm a pew nowadays. What is needed is something more than mouth-Christians, voice-Christians, word-Christians, shouting Christians. What is needed is following-Christians.

It is noticeable that almost immediately after Jesus had praised Peter for his confession, he called him Satan, the very devil. For it was plain that Peter was thinking along lines quite different from Jesus. Following Christ means thinking more and more as he would think.

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Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Rose, Misses LaRue Rose and Melba Rawle and Mrs. Jesse Garrison visited at Craterville Park and Medicine Park in Oklahoma last week.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Burton and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Rush were in Dallas New Year's day as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Gossett. They attended the Cotton Bowl game.

Mr. and Mrs. Malcom Branch and son, Hugh Malcom, from Tyler and Mrs. Burt Taylor from Dallas were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arnie Ray Deaton.

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FIVE OIL STRIKES FOR WISE COUNTY DURING 1952

By FRANK O. HALL

Oil Editor

Oil and gas discoveries that resulted in opening of new fields and pools in the North Texas (Wichita Falls) District total 247

during 1952, a survey showed Saturday.

This compared with 160 discoveries listed for the year of 1951.

The survey includes new strikes in 14 North Texas counties. They are Archer, Baylor, Clay, Cooke, Grayson, Haskell, Jack, Knox, Montague, Throck-

morton, Wichita, Wilbarger, Wise and Young Counties.

Montague County headed the list with 43 discoveries, while Jack ran a close second with 41. Young County was in third place with 32 and Archer ranked fourth with 30.

Discoveries listed in other counties were: Baylor, 3; Clay, 11; Cooke, 12; Grayson, 7; Haskell, 14; Knox, 3; Throckmorton, 18; Wichita, 16; Wilbarger, 12; and Wise, 5.

WISE COUNTY

1. Greenbriar Oil Company No. 1 C. R. Bridges, block 99, Van Zandt; CSL survey A-1182, 2 1/2 miles northeast of Cottdale, 4800 MCFGF from 5462-80 feet. Caddo (conglomerate).

2. Lone Star Production Company No. 1 E. L. Vaught, Brice Woody survey A-1216, five miles northeast of Boonesville, 2900 MCFGPD from 5393-5436 feet. Marble Falls.

3. W. P. Ulmer No. 1 Peel, James E. Roberts survey A-2850, 1 1/2 miles north of Springtown, Flowed 112 BOPD from 3772-3816 feet. Caddo.

4. Tom B. Medders No. 1 Mrs. M. I. Young, falls CSL survey A-293, three miles northwest of Park Springs, Flowed 192 BOPD from 570-26 feet. Bend conglomerate.

5. Tom B. Medders No. 1 J. F. Whittaker, J. B. George Survey A-923, 2 1/2 miles west of Park Springs, Pumped 41 BOPD from 5770-83 feet. Conglomerate.

More Register With Area Draft Board

The following listed men, from Wise County, have recently registered with Selective Service Local Board No. 93, Bowie, Texas:

Kenneth, Lee Jones, Bridgeport; Leonard F. Brown, Decatur; Willie J. Howard, Decatur; John R. Miller, Route 1, Paradise; Alvin T. Largent, Bridgeport; Joseph H. Mitchell, Bridgeport; Thomas Hall, Route 1, Boonsville; Billy Van Hoose, Bridgeport; Billy G. Peyton, Route 1, Alvord; Douglas L. Romines, Decatur; Elmer C. Cox, Chico; Glenn G. Green, Bridge-

port; Harold E. Barber, Bridgeport; Joe R. Hopkins, Slidell; Alton E. Sherman, Decatur; Clyde M. Sherman, Decatur; and Renie Crabtree, Route 2, Rhome.

Dimes Are Needed

DIMES MUST MATCH NEW POLIO GAINS

For the second time since it inaugurated a decade and a half ago, the March of Dimes in 1953 will run for a full month, from January 2, through January 31.

This decision was forced by the record number of polio cases reported in 1952 and the tens of thousands of patients stricken in previous years who still needed financial aid from the March of Dimes.

Another factor which led to the extended campaign period was the considerable expense of carrying the research fight against polio out of the laboratories and into the ranks of man himself.

44,000 Get Direct Help

Of the more than 55,000 persons treated for polio in 1952, approximately 44,000 were assisted

Messenger, Decatur, Texas, in whole or in part by the March of Dimes.

The field trials to test the effectiveness of a possible preventive of paralytic polio were underwritten by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis in addition to other vital research projects. Some 55,000 youngsters took part in the trials.

Basil O'Connor, president of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis in commenting on the need for month-long, instead of a two-week campaign, said, "It seems that as scientists approach closer to the conquest of polio, polio itself is mobilizing all its forces to attack mankind with ever-increasing savagery."

"It is as if the foe, listening to its own death knell, is testing to the limit the determination of the American people, and attempting to wreck the morale which has sustained us and inspired us to carry the fight to the very threshold of victory."

'Must Not Falter'

"We must not falter now,

Thursday, Jan. 8, 1953

With victory delicately poised in the balance against unprecedented problems, we must throw all our weight on the side of the polio fighters regardless of the cost. We must contribute more devotion, more energy and more money than ever before to the 1953 March of Dimes."

Half of all money contributed to the March of Dimes is used by our County Chapter to help pay cost of treating local polio patients or, in emergencies, polio patients elsewhere. The other 50 per cent finances March of Dimes research, professional education and epidemic aid programs.

BIRTHS IN WISE

Female—Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Ray Dunn, Bridgeport, Texas, Dec. 5; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Clyde Fagg, Jr., Bridgeport, Texas, Dec. 2; and Mr. and Mrs. Eril Wendell Peters, Sr., Boyd, Texas, Dec. 7.

Male — Mr. and Mrs. Denver Elmer Maddux, Dalhart, Texas, Dec. 3; Mr. and Mrs. Emmott Monroe Webster, Newark, Texas, Nov. 30; Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Bays, Bridgeport, Texas, Nov. 30; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jackson Shepherd, Boyd, Texas, Nov. 30; Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie D. Evans, Bridgeport, Texas, Nov. 13; and Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Ratliff, Boyd, Texas, Nov. 12.

Card of Thanks

To those who expressed their sympathy in so many beautiful and practical ways during our recent bereavement, we extend our heartfelt thanks.

The children of Mrs. Mary Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Ray Brown are attending the Annual Meeting of the Texas Jersey Cattle Club being conducted at the Baker Hotel, Mineral Wells, Texas, Ray's being a director representing this section of the State.

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donation, now. To Gene Brummell, Box 165, Decatur, Texas or give it to me at the First National Bank, Decatur, Texas or to any Fireman, that you know. Please, we beg of you to help Decatur meet its quota in order that if needed you may get help.

Yours truly,

Gene Brummell, Chairman

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Ash of Plainview, Mrs. Lena Ash of Miss Laura Ash of Ft. Worth were guests of Mr. and Paul Ash New Years day.

Mrs. H. J. Dillehay spent holidays with Mr. and D. R. Dillehay at Okla., Cit

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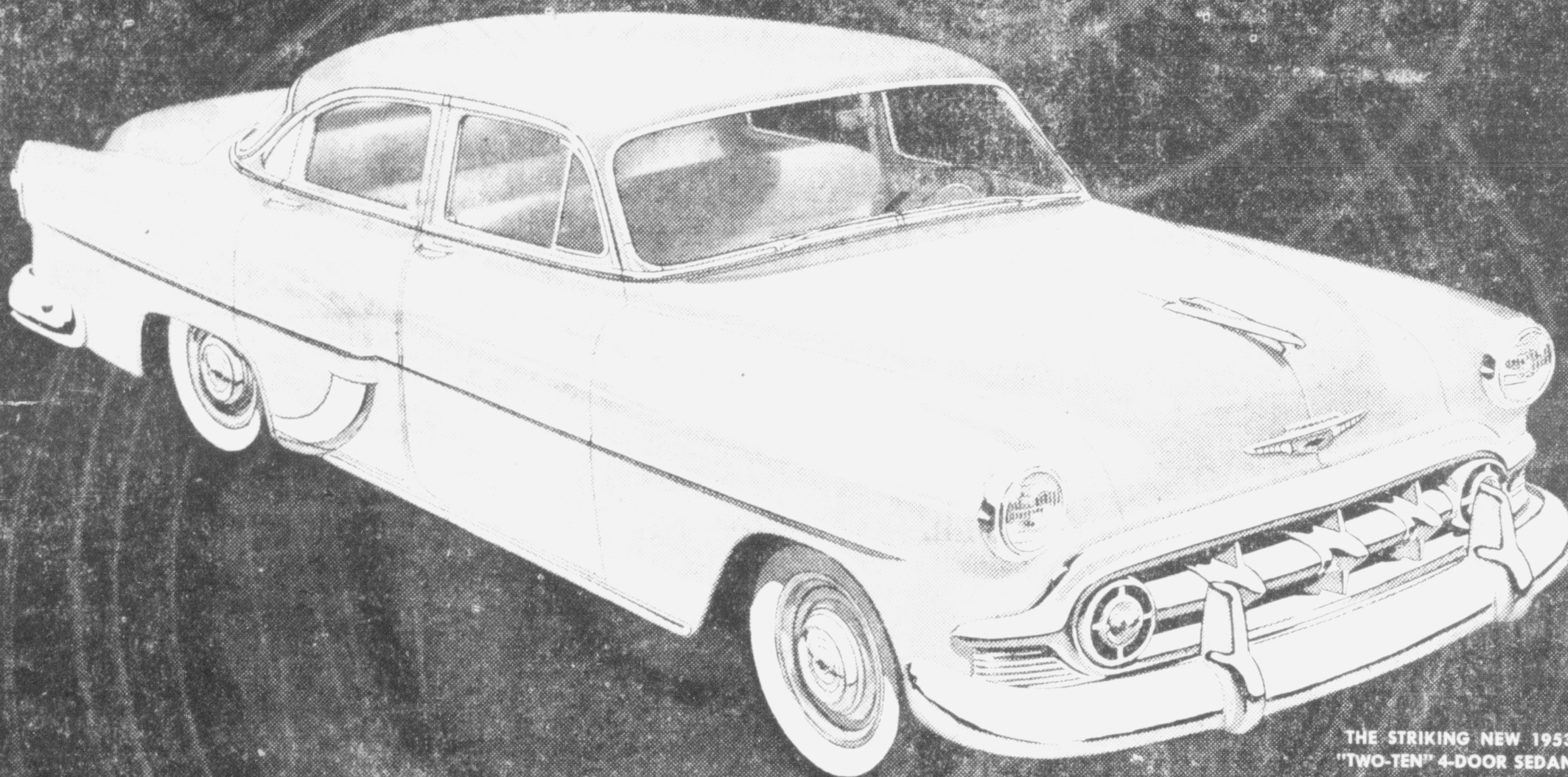
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Lewi Dickenson, Gary and Betty
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Lennis and Johnny Burr from
Gary, Indiana; Mrs. Rachel
Boydston of Childress, Texas
Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Riney, Mike
and Jimmy of Decatur, and Mr.
and Mrs. N. W. Adams, Butch,
Bubba and Jerry Dean.

A good time was enjoyed by
all, this being the first time
six years that the family has all
been together.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Keith of
Weatherford and Mr. and Mrs.
M. E. Carroll of Fort Worth were
holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs.
Joe Rogers.

Out of town relatives who
visited in the home of Mr. and
Mrs. Roy G. Workman during
the Christmas holidays were.
Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Davidson
and children, Vernon; Mrs. P.
I. Alexander; Mr. and Mrs.
Luther S. Mounts, Amarillo;
Mr. and Mrs. Mayfield Work-
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S. Lockett, Dallas; Miss Flora
Reeves, San Angelo; Mrs. Chif-
ford Davenport, and children,
Pamp; Mrs. Bernice Welch and
Charles, Wellington; Mr. and
Mrs. Vernon B. Taylor and son,
Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gregg,
Granbury; Miss Claudie Mae and
Ruth Workman, Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Jim Veal
are the proud parents of a 6
pound, 6 ounce baby boy, born
December 20—name Gary Gene.
The grand-parents are Mrs. My-
ers of Lackney and Mrs. Jarie
Veal of Decatur.

S/Sgt Noel Reeves Jr. is visit-
ing his parents.

Dr. R. E. Bell spent the holi-
days with Mr. and R. E. Cudd
and Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Stevens
and family in Corpus Christi.

STORY from page 1

basketball games are not being
played on the same nights,
which makes for much travel-
ing over the district and double
the amount of nights for play
this year.

●Must be a fastenating New
Years. We've sold more staples
and staples so far in '53 than we
did in half of '52.

●Claude Reeves started off the
New Year right, buying drinks
for all his freinds who had a
dime.

●Little thanks go to Mrs. Alma
Jennings, who is busy most of
the time caring for the needs of
everyone whether members of
the armed forces, their families,
or just people who need help
of various kinds. No one hears
much of what she accomplishes
because seldom is it ever made
public. But we know she handles
a man size job, and very ef-
ficiently.

●Dock Hull burned the coffee
the other morning, all because
the Mrs. was on the job at the
store. Quite a mess he cleaned
up.

●Mayor Hardwick informs us
future, it's experimental model,
for something around \$6,000.
Buck is selling it's car of the
Need any?

●Noticed a sign on east Main:
"Sno-cones and fireworks."

●Seems the increase in the dog
population is coming to the at-
tention of many as so many
strays are now developing habit
of running off with or tearing
up newspapers delivered to

yards. We'll bet such tactics will
result in less circulation. dogs
or papers?

●Last week in our story of
prizes for winners of the home
lighting contest, we mentioned
pictures of the winners.

After our press started rolling
in printing the papers, the en-
graving showing Mrs. Spears
cast pulled loose from its' mount-
ing. The engraving was unuse-
able, and therefore was not
shown.

The picture of the winner is
in the paper this week.

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If there is one key Buster Kraton owns, it's the key to an audience's sense of humor. This is a scene from "Paradise for Buster," John Deere Day feature picture.

at Plaza Theatre, Decatur, January 15, 1:30 pm.

Christmas Cheer Spends \$226.63

The Christmas Cheer program this year after paying all bills spent \$226.63 in bringing Christmas to the unfortunates of the community.

This amount is divided into \$179.25 for groceries and \$47.38 for clothing. This leaves a small balance which will be used throughout 1953 or the same purpose for deserving people who need assistance.

Boys Win Game From Handley 31-34

The Decatur Eagles defeated a strong Handley quintet here Tuesday night in one of the most exciting games of the season. Decatur trailed 12-7 at halftime and it was not until the final two minutes that they rallied to win 37-34. A field goal by Dwayne Hill and several free throws that ripped the net in the final seconds proved to be the difference. Throughout the contest several flare-ups were witnessed as feeling ran high among the players. The fans also had to be calmed before a Handley player could shoot a free throw. Jarvis Gantt scored 19 points to capture scoring honors for the Eagles. 12 points to lead Handley. Decatur also won a preliminary "B" game by score of 22-14. Lester Burkett.

Girls Lose Close Game To Nocona

Decatur's Girls traveled to Nocona Tuesday night where they were defeated 41-38 by Nocona in a district 2A-12 game. This was their third district game and their first district setback. Our girls will be defending champions in the Decatur Baptist College high school tournament on Jan. 8, 9, and 10. Their next district game will be on Jan. 15 when they journey to Jacksboro. Lester Burkett.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodie Gore from El Paso spent the holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Deaton.



Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Caldwell GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. Mrs. Sam D. Caldwell of Greenwood, Texas, celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary with open house on December 21, 1952. Mr. Caldwell was the son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Caldwell, pioneers of Boyd, Texas. Seventy-five guests registered during the afternoon. They have four children: Lizzie Mae Faith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Faith, former of Lockney and Mrs. Weldon Cumble of Decatur.



JoAnn Guthrie Favorite Girl at D. B. C.

Miss JoAnn Guthrie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Guthrie of Decatur, has recently been chosen by the student body of Decatur Baptist College as the all student favorite girl. There will be a full page picture of her in the Summit, the College annual which will be ready about the first of May.

Earlier in the year Miss Guthrie's popularity with the students was evidenced when she was selected as one of the cheer leaders. She is also chairman of the Social Committee of the Freshman Class. Another honor her class has bestowed upon her was to select her as its Queen to ride its float in the Homecoming Parade last fall.

Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Lydick and family Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Rogers and family and Miss Pearl Badger of Fort Worth and Dr. and Mrs. L. D. Higgins of Decatur and Glenn Stokes of Wichita Falls, were guest of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Stokes Sunday.

Television Interview

A television interview with a Christian Science lecturer, Mrs. Mary C. Holloway, will be viewed on Friday, January 9, at 12:15 during the noon hour, over Channel 4, KRLL-TV, Dallas.

Mrs. Holloway is from Shreveport, Louisiana, and is a member of The Board of Lectureship of The Mother Church in Boston, Massachusetts. She will deliver a free public lecture on Christian Science at 8:00 o'clock Friday evening in First Church of Christ, Scientist, Dallas.

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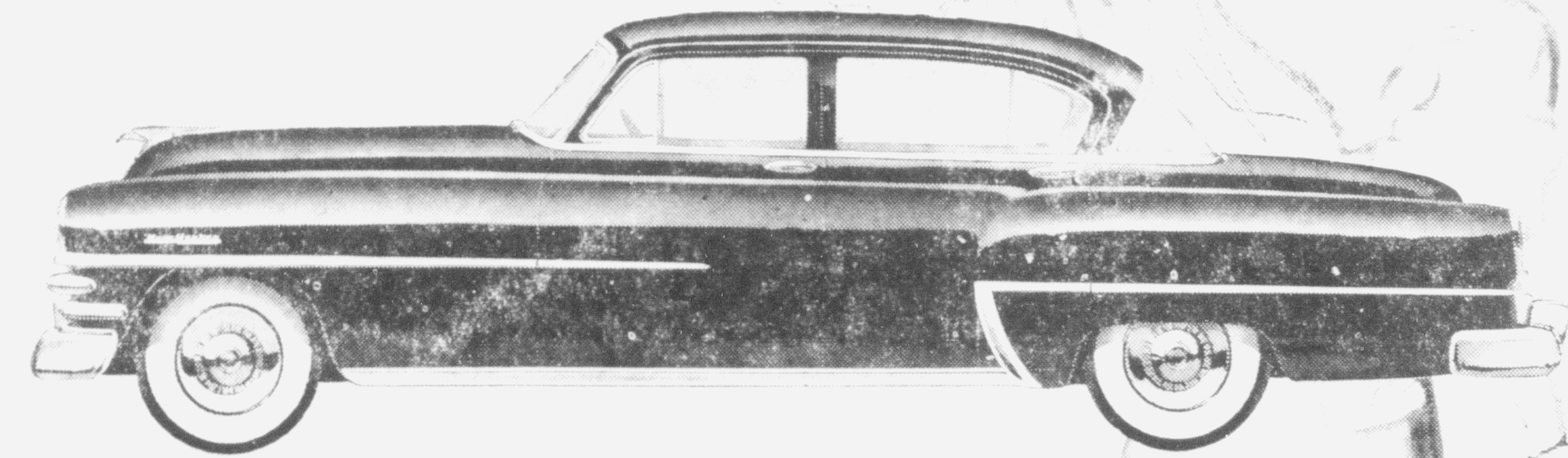
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Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Nichols visited relatives in Waco during the holidays.

Mrs. Lollie Gunn Johnnie Lou and Charles from Nacogoches visited here during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gibbs and daughter spent the holidays in Galveston.

Mrs. J. H. Lynch spent the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. J. Warren Lillard and Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Lynch in Dallas.

Miss Tommie Tate visited in Gainesville during the holidays.

Pat McMurray was at home from West Texas for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Lawson, LeRay Lawson and Miss Ann Ferguson attended the Cotton Bowl game on New Years.

Mrs. Tom Davis from Jacksboro visited Mrs. Tom McMurray here this week.

Robert T. Sellars from Monroe, La. and Bobby Sellars from Oklahoma U. spent the holiday here.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Casey spent the holidays in Paris, Texas.

Mrs. H. M. Lewis visited in Seymour over the week end.

Mrs. Jean Brown is visiting her son Charles Greathouse in Fort Worth.

Guy Hughes from Washington D. C. visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hughes Sr. during the holidays.

Misses Fay and Vera Mae Cocanougher attended a party in Denton Thursday night.

Rev. H. F. Dearing and Ed Farmer are attending an Evangelistic Conference in San Antonio, this week.

Frank Ward and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ward Jr. and family of Austin visited in the home of Mrs. H. L. Ward this week.

Allen Cocanougher from San Antonio spent the New Years day here with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Cocanougher.

Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Blanton from McKinney visited Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Patton during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Terrell and daughter of Houston and Mrs. John Logan and daughter from Fort Worth were guests of Mrs. W. E. Terrell during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Gibbon of Dallas were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Crisp during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Christian of Vernon were guests of Mrs. E. B. Brown Sunday.

Bobby Sam Spencer, who has enlisted in the Navy left Sunday for San Diego, Calif. where he will take his boot training.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Cox of Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. Leeman Harkins of Vernon, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Swenney and Rose Curtner of Fort Worth visited in the C. A. Spencer home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cody Caraway spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Mecaskey at Panhandle, Texas.

Mrs. Annie Sellars from Amarillo is visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Sellars.

Card of Thanks
I want to express my gratitude to each and every person who had a part in making this the happiest Christmas I have ever enjoyed. Words fail me when I say "Thank you" for the many packages brought to my home and also the ones mailed to me, nor could I answer the many many cards sent me with money and personal messages in each of them but from the depth of my heart my prayer is, "May God's richest blessings be on each of you and my daily prayers are may I ever be humble and deserving of each of you."
Mrs. J. P. Poyner, Decatur



Once Upon a Time

Interesting Items from the files of THE MESSENGER 25 and 50 Years Ago...



50 Years Ago

Dev. 1902

Col. and Mrs. G. B. Pickett had their entire family with them for their Christmas dinner. There were Thomas Pickett and wife, T. J. McMurray and wife, Mrs. M. W. Shoemaker and children, Misses Buggie and Electra Pickett.

An old tree which had stood in the yard always had died some time ago and had been cut down. Col. Pickett had sawed a backlog from the tree for this occasion. It filled the fireplace, and as it brightly burned it awakened reminiscences of the past in the minds of the grown up children returned to the parental roof and gleeful childhood and stories were told, connected with the old tree. It was a happy mirthful gathering, a regular old time family Christmas. The kind that is long remembered.

D. J. Peninger & Co. have just unloaded a big car of Anchor buggies and can furnish you any thing you want in that line on easy terms.

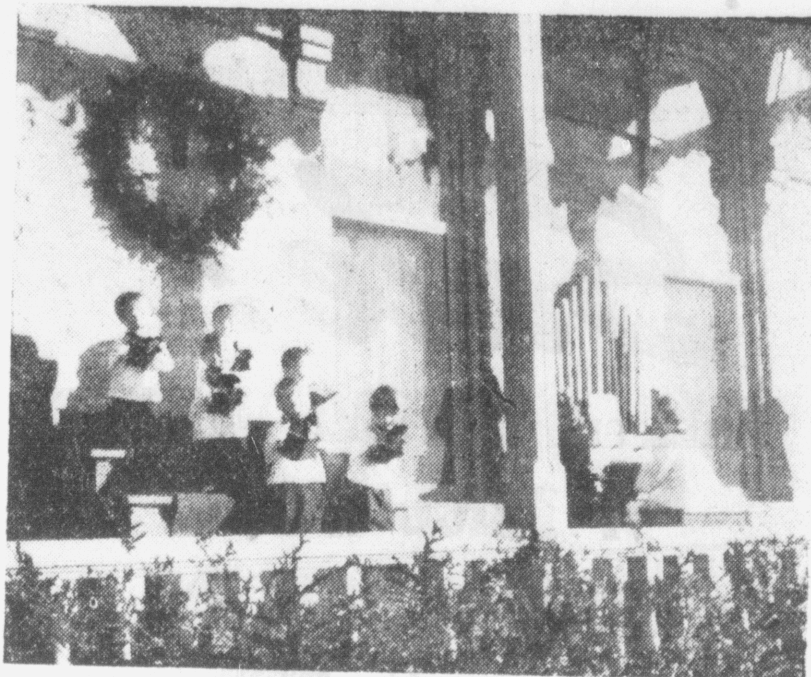
We are glad to report C. V. Terrell is Convelesent after his serious accident two weeks ago. He was running a calf on horseback when his horse slipped and fell with him breaking both bones in his left arm, dislocating a shoulder and seriously spraining an ankle.

25 Years Ago

Dec. 1927

Short skirts and short hair have provoked many a long argument.

The following enjoyed a turkey dinner at the home of R. L. Selby in Denton Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Crabtree, and son, Mrs. G. E. Baits and Mrs. Mattie Baits, P. R. Baits and family and J. N. Hinkle of Decatur Ross Tucker and wife of



WINNER IN HOME LIGHTING—Display of Mrs. Geo. T. Spears showing choir boys on the left, the organ and organist on the right. (staff foto)

Bowie, Mrs. J. J. Richards of Amarillo, Bill Cates and family and Mrs. Ella Hughes of Krum and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Williams of Fort Worth.

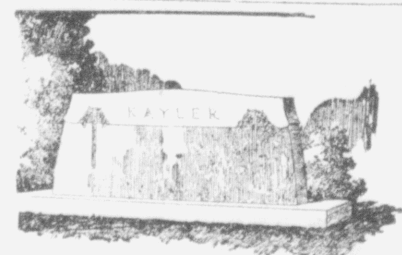
You Decatur citizens should make a resolution that you will take your place in the boosting ranks and boost three hundred and sixty five days during 1928 for delight Decatur and Wonderful Wise.

An organized effort on the part of Decatur citizens, will bring big things to our town join up with the Chamber of Commerce an organization that is composed of forward looking citizens.

The people who are wrapped up in themselves are generally pretty small. A man found a cigar in his son's pocket, and after whipping the boy for having it, smoked it himself. The cigar was an explosive one and burned his mustache. The

man then whipped the boy again. Was the boy getting what was coming to him?

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Messenger, Decatur, Texas, Thursday, Jan. 8, 1953 7
Plans Progress For '53 Fat Stock Show, Rodeo and Entertainment
Fort Worth, Jan. 8—Plans are being made for the all-Western parade which traditionally signals the opening of the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show, Ernest Allen, vice-

president of the show, announced today. Allen, for many years parade marshal, will again serve in that capacity.
Route of the parade will be somewhat different due to the change of the assembly point from the T & P Reservation to the parking lot of La Grave Field (Fort Worth Cats' baseball park).

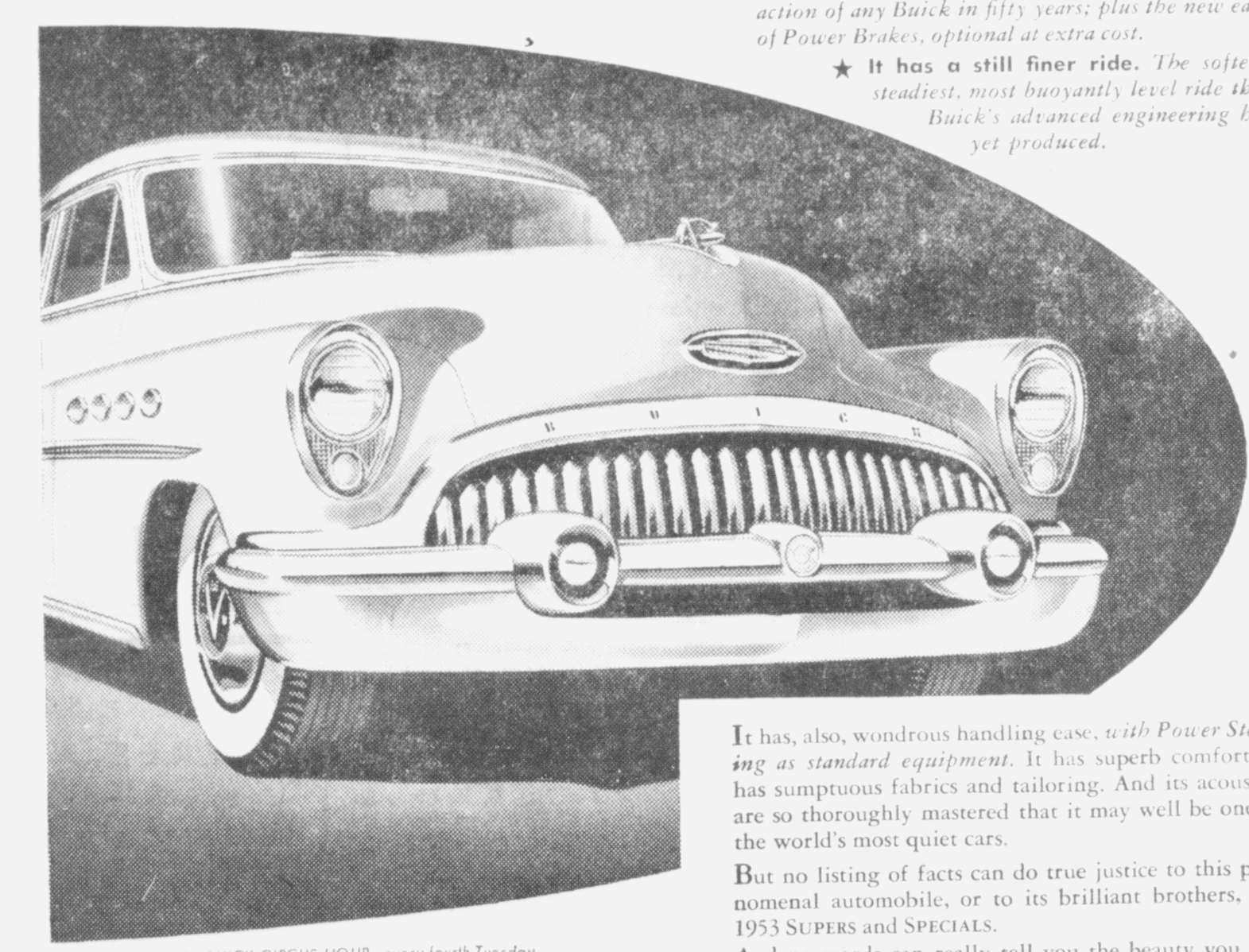
CHARTER NO. 460
Bank's Official Statement of Financial Condition of the
CONTINENTAL STATE BANK at Boyd, Texas
at the close of business on the 31st day of December, 1952, pursuant to call made by the Banking Commissioner of Texas in accordance with the Banking Laws of this State.

RESOURCES	
1. Loans and discounts, including overdrafts	434,663.62
2. United States Government Obligations, direct and guaranteed	327,500.00
3. Obligations of states and political subdivisions	33,411.58
6. Cash, balances due from other banks, including reserve balances, and cash items in process of collection (including exchanges for clearing house)	356,358.65
7. Banking house, or leasehold improvements	3,500.00
8. Furniture, fixtures and equipment	3,800.00
10. Other assets	1,001.00
11. Total Resources	1,160,234.85

LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	
1. Common Capital Stock	25,000.00
3. Surplus: Certified \$25,000.00	25,000.00
4. Undivided profits	30,196.29
6. Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships and corporations	1,032,404.95
8. Public funds (Incl. U. S. Govt. states and political subdivisions)	42,490.70
10. Other deposits (certified & cashier's checks, etc.)	2,642.91
13. Other liabilities Reserve for dividend payable January 2, 1953	2,500.00
14. Total Liabilities and Capital Accounts	1,160,234.85

State of Texas, County of Wise)
I, James W. Petty being Vice Pres. & Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the foregoing statement of condition is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
JAMES W. PETTY.
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Sheriff's posses, riding clubs, special groups, families and individual riders are welcome to take part. Groups representing cities or organizations may carry identifying banners. No permit is necessary to participate but, if possible, notification ahead of time will enable Allen and the parade committee to plan a special place for the various units.

Bands also are welcome to march in the parade. All others will be on horseback or in horse-drawn vehicles. The parade will assemble at 12:30 p.m. and will move promptly at 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30.

The hundreds of horses, many with elaborate saddles and equipment, and the rides in Western garb are a spectacle that attracts thousands along the line of march.

Farm Bureau Plans Wichita Falls Meeting

Legislative strategy and organization plans for the Texas Farm Bureau in 1953 will be discussed at a special District 3 conference of state and local Farm Bureau leaders Jan. 15 at the Y.W.C.A. in Wichita Falls, Texas, according to Loys D. Barbour, state director from this district.

The meeting is one of a series of legislative and organization conferences being held this month in 12 of the 13 Farm Bureau districts in the state. The sessions will begin at 10 a.m. with a report on the last state board meeting by the district director.

Legislative, organization and publicity conferences start at 11

a.m. and continue until noon. Vice-president C. H. DeVaney of Coahoma will preside at the legislative meet, State Field Representative Leon M. Lane will preside at the organization conference and Information Director Bill Hoover will meet with local newspaper reporters and county Farm Bureau publicity directors.
O. R. Long, southern field representative of the American Farm Bureau Federation, is scheduled to speak at a noon luncheon for the group.

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services to numerous to name here.

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James M. Sermons Back In States

Long Beach, Calif. (Delayed) (FHTNC) — Arrived here Dec. 16 aboard the heavy cruiser USS Helena from the Korean combat zone was James M. Sermons, seaman, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. R C Sermons of Decatur.

The Helena brought President-elect Eisenhower from Guam to Hawaii following his tour of the Korean front. She was used by Eisenhower and his advisors to hold several top level conferences.

The Helena departed Long Beach in May when she began her third tour of Korean duty. She served as heavy support ship for fast carrier Task Force 77 and gave gunfire support to UN ground troops. While in the Far East, the

Helena visited the ports of Nagoya and Kobe, Japan and held "open house", marking the first time that an American man-o-war had been visited by Japanese since the beginning of World War II.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Lennes and son Johnny from Gary, Ind., Mr.

and Mrs. Floyd Parish of Pledger, Texas, Mrs. N. W. Adams and family of Fort Worth visited Mrs. John Parish and Emma Dean.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Warren and family and Mrs. Gordon Renshaw from Stillwater, Okla. visited relatives here during the holidays.

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The Decatur Garden Club will meet Wednesday Jan. 14 1953 at 2:30 o'clock in the home of Mrs. Grady Woodruff with Mrs. H. S. Ursy, Mrs. T. G. Rogers and Mrs. John (Tige) Renshaw co-hostess.

Mrs. E. B. Cartwright of Weatherford will be our speaker for the afternoon. She is a landscape expert and is also a national accredited flower show judge.

Members may invite a guest who is interested in landscaping by calling one of the hostesses.

Blanche Groves Circle Has Meeting

The Blanche Groves Circle of Baptist N. M. S. met in the home of Mrs. Floyd Clifton Monday afternoon, Jan. 5th. The Chairman Mrs. E. B. Brown presided over a short business meeting. The mission study book "Scattered Abroad" was very interestingly taught with the use of maps by Mrs. Cody Milligan.

Refreshments were served to the following ladies:

Mrs. E. B. Brown Mrs. Grady Woodruff Mrs. J. L. Ward Mrs. Cody Milligan, Mrs. Buster Pearson, Misses Petty, C. K. Wilkerson, Bob Hunt, Mrs. Ira Burton, Mrs. C. A. Mayles, Mrs. Blankenship.

The circle will meet with Mrs. Grady Woodruff next meeting.

John A. Simmons Jr. from Jacksonville, Fla., and Mrs. George Dickson of Shreveport, La., were guests of Judge and Mrs. J. A. Simmons during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Jones and daughter Betty of Fort Worth were guests of Dr. and Mrs. J. V. Prunty during the holidays.

Charter No. 13,285

Report of condition of the

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF RHOME, TEXAS
in the State of Texas, at the close of business on Dec. 31, 1952 published in response to call made by Comptroller of the Currency, under Section 5211, U. S. Revised Statutes

ASSETS	
1. Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balance, and cash items in process of collection	197,063.38
2. United States Government obligations direct and guaranteed	172,000.00
3. Obligations of State and political subdivisions	5,000.00
5. Corporate stocks (including \$1,300.00 stock of Federal Reserve bank)	1,300.00
6. Loans and discounts (including \$1.27 overdrafts)	124,060.47
7. Bank premises owned \$1400.00, furniture and fixtures \$257.00	1,657.00
11. Other assets	206.15
12. TOTAL ASSETS	501,287.00

LIABILITIES	
13. Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	444,174.52
16. Deposits of States and political subdivisions	6,527.18
19. TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$449,701.70
23. Other liabilities	2,700.00
24. TOTAL LIABILITIES	452,402.50

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	
25. Capital Stock:	
(a) Common stock, total par \$25,000.00	25,000.00
26. Surplus	18,600.00
27. Undivided profits	5,885.10
29. TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	48,885.10
30. TOTAL LIABILITIES and CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	501,287.00

State of Texas, County of Wise, ss.

I, Juanita Chambers, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

JUANITA CHAMBERS, Cashier
Correct—Attest:
Joel R. Chambers, Dale Mayers, Frank Logan, Directors
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 5 day of January 1953
E. A. ANDERSON, Notary Public.

Card of Thanks

Our recent sad loss leaves us with grateful hearts toward neighbors and friends. Their comforting expressions of sympathy and thoughtfulness will always be remembered.

The children of Mrs. M. E. Gossett, Mrs. Roy Phillips.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen T. Shaw and daughters have moved to their new home on College St. recently bought from J. H. Keith. Mr. Keith moved to Grove, Okla.

G. B. Hartman of Houston visited his parents Mr. and Mrs. Morris Guthrie during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Faith were pleasantly surprised Sunday morning when a number of their friends came in to spend the day each bringing lunch.

The guest were Mr. and Mrs. Sam Caldwell and sons Artie and J. R. Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Cumble and daughter Ruby, Mr. and Mrs. Grady Keown and grand daughter, Thessa, Mr. and Mrs. Odie Stephens, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil King, Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Faith, Kenneth and Carol Ann and Mrs. Ora Faith.

Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Head and son Buster visited relatives and friends at Brady, Texas, during the holidays.

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MISS RUTH COLLINS, WILLIAM HOLLJE, JR.
WED IN CEREMONY HERE DECEMBER 21st.

Miss Ruth Collins and Mr. William Hollje Jr. were married by Rev. Morris C. Smith, Pastor of the First Methodist Church in Decatur, at the home of her parents on December 21, 1952 at 5 o'clock in the afternoon. The ceremony was held in front of a large silver Christmas tree decorated with peacock blue balls. The tree was flanked by tall candelabra in which were tall white tapers. Large baskets of white gladiolus and silvered fir and peacock blue balls were in front of the candelabra.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Collins. Her husband is the son of Mr. William Hollje, Paris, and Mrs. B. B. Murphy, Dallas.

Music was provided by Mrs. James Keith, Vernon, and Miss Patti Mattingly, Bowie. Mrs. Anderson Shawyer, Jacksboro, was vocalist. Candles were lighted by Miss Henryetta Sands of Alvord.

Mrs. Melvyn Cude of Decatur, matron of honor, was attired in a ballerina-length gown of peacock blue taffeta shantung. She wore opera pumps to match the dress and carried a bouquet of pompon chrysanthemums. Mr. Cude was the best man.

Mr. Collins gave his daughter in marriage. She wore a white nylon net ballerina-length gown made with a sweetheart neck and a bouffant tiered skirt. Her illusion veil fell from a tulle of sequins and seed pearls and she carried a white Bible topped with a white orchid. She wore a single strand of pearls and nylon mitts.

The reception was held immediately after the ceremony. Decorations for the wedding reception carried out the colors of peacock blue and white. The refreshments were served by Mrs. Joe Standlee, Vernon and Mrs. Otto Mercer, Nocona. Mrs. Don Little, Bowie, presided at the bride's table.

After a wedding trip to New Orleans the couple will make their home in Decatur where Mr. Hollje is employed with the State Welfare Department. The bride wore away a rose wool suit, navy shoes and bag, a rose hat and gloves, and an orchid corsage.

Mrs. Hollje is an honor graduate of Decatur High School, a graduate of Decatur Baptist Col-

lege and North Texas State. She is at the present employed as music teacher in Bowie Junior High School. Mr. Hollje is a graduate of Paris High School, Paris Junior College and East Texas State Teacher's College.

Out of town wedding guests were: Mr. William Hollje, Mr. Wayne Hollje, Mrs. Dewey Baulk, Paris; Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Gibson, Mrs. R. W. Taylor, Mrs. Mary Thrash, Jimmie and Bobbie Thrash, Dallas; Mrs. C. M. Johnson, Texas City; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Standlee, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Dunn, Mrs. James Keith, Vernon; Mrs. Otto Mercer, Mrs. J. C. Hynds, Nocona; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hopper, Weatherford; Mr. and Mrs. Don Little, Mrs. Raymond Mattingly, Miss Patti Mattingly, Miss Raylene Mattingly, Miss Martha Ann Gibson, Bowie; Mr. and Mrs. Anderson Shawyer, Jacksboro; Mrs. Fred Milligan, Greenwood; Mrs. Hal Sands, Miss Henryetta Sands, Miss Margaret Sands, Alvord.

● Personals

The B. J. Tandy family of Abilene and the A. L. Duncan family spent the Christmas holiday with Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Duncan of Temple and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Timmier of Bland, near Temple, the former being the parents of A. L. and the latter the parents of Mrs. Duncan. Mrs. Tandy and daughter Kathy are spending some time with her parents the A. L. Duncans before returning to Abilene.

Mrs. W. C. Milligan, Mr. and Mrs. Grady Ward and Miss Bell Ford were in Ebenize, Okla. Sunday.

Mrs. J. L. Ward and Mrs. J. C. Brown spent Sunday in Waco.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Smith from Farmersville were guest of Mrs. P. J. Furling this week.

Mrs. N. P. Neel of Paradise visited Mr. and Mrs. John Ford over the week end.

Miss R. T. Sellars and Mrs. B. A. Man visited in Denton and Gainesville last week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Simmons of Fort Worth were guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Pearson Sunday.

Guest of Mrs. Joe Reeves during the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. James Fee and Mike of Norman, Okla., and Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Norman of Trinidad, Colo.

Crellon Manire and son Marshall spent the holiday season with Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Manire in Baybor, N. C.

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The J. H. Rowan home was gladdened again by the presence of all their children on Christmas. Howard Eileen and Barbara Burse of Dallas, Walter, Pearl, Jimmie Ray and Catherine Cox of Olney, Allen, Ruth, Allen Jr. and Rich Rowan of Fort Worth, Floyd and Elizabeth Ann Rowan of Lubbock.

But we missed so much Mrs. John Rowan, of Fort Worth, who was visiting her daughter Monice and family who now reside in Birmingham, Alabama and Derwood who is still stationed in the Azores.

Dr. and Mrs. Rogers, who placed second in the Christmas lighting contest presented their award to the St. Johns Baptist Church.

Rogers Hospital has been approved by the State Health Department to do blood test for premartial and prenatal.

Miss Esther Bull, registered nurse and laboratory technician who is in charge of the laboratory, showed a 100 per cent rating from the laboratory's report.

Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Ripey and son Bill of Fort Worth were holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. Wallace Brady.

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Bingman and son Frankie from Wichita, Kan., visited her mother, Mrs. Frank Turner during the holidays.

Mrs. John Ferguson and daughter Betty Ruth and Mrs. Peggy McDonald spent the holidays with the Floyd Williams family at Winnsboro.

Mrs. Hugh Lide returned to her home in Camden, Ark., Tuesday after a visit here with her sisters Mrs. Dick Collins and Mrs. J. D. Hapgood, who accompanied Mrs. Lide home.

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